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COMMENT OF THE DAY

But Is It Logical?

OPINION is growing in America and elsewhere that the next "logical" move by President Eisenhower to give substance to his denunciation of the Formosa Straits, will be either to impose a blockade of the China coast, or give the green light to the Chinese Nationalists to assume the undertaking. The alleged necessity for such an action is "to stop the thousands of tons of critical materials that are flowing into ports like Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow." If such vast quantities of strategic commodities are reaching the Red China ports they are not going through Hongkong. The Colony is certainly maintaining trading relations with the mainland, so far as restrictions will enable it to do so, but of a character which cannot fairly become the target of any blockade which either the United States or the Nationalists might wish to impose. Conceivably certain types of strategic materials are reaching Chinese Communist ports directly from Europe, but it is extremely doubtful whether they amount to the quantities claimed by certain publicists and politicians in the United States. A blockade may prevent certain shipments from reaching China, but it could not interfere with the stream of war potential which flows in from Russia and her European satellites. It is essential, therefore, that Washington considers fully the implications of a China coast blockade before action is taken. It is open to considerable doubt whether it would be justified by military results; whether it would so weaken the Communist war potential that they would have to cry quits in Korea. And Hongkong has a right to know whether it is to receive safeguards against a blockade for which no international belligerent rights have been extended. To the "get tough with China" exponents in the United States the isolation of Hongkong probably means nothing. Nevertheless the Colony is anything but a liability in the struggle to sustain the free world in the Orient. Any suggestion that it can be regarded as expendable in the interests of a military policy, the effectiveness of which is open to question, must be strongly resisted. Hongkong's right to legitimate trading cannot be denied, neither is it to be surrendered.

The Malay Problem

IT is hard to help those who will not help themselves. There is a genuine desire among both the Government and even the Chinese leaders to help the Malays take a more important part in the economy of Malaya. But when the Rural and Industrial Development Authority invited applicants to submit schemes that it could help to forward, the response was disappointing. Instead of depending on their own initiative the Malay intelligentsia seem to be looking to Government to do everything for them. In fact the idea of Government leadership ran through the whole of the suggestions. Actually the main idea of RIDA was first to get the backward villages in motion on a basis of self-help along much the same lines as in India. This field of work needs to be treated as a matter of greater urgency than it is at present, for only 15 out of the 70 development officers who were to run village centres under the RIDA plan have so far been appointed.

ANOTHER DISASTER STRIKES

DUTCH ISLAND

Dyke Collapses: Sea Sweeping In SURVIVOR'S STORY OF ALL-NIGHT ORDEAL

The Hague, Feb. 3.

A new disaster tonight struck the island of Goeree-Flakke off the Netherlands coast — the scene of some of the worst devastation in the "great flood" — when the dyke at Den Hommel on the North-East coast of the island collapsed, according to radio reports reaching here.

The sea was reported to be sweeping in an irresistible torrent through a breach 35 yards long bringing fresh havoc to farmlands and houses.

The Island of Goeree-Flakke, which last Saturday was the home of some 35,000 prosperous Dutch farmers, is today a waste of swirling flood waters dotted here and there with an occasional strip of higher ground still beyond the reach of waters.

The people of the Island have seen the cattle from which they earned their livelihood, swept away and drowned in pitiless waters.

A commander of the Royal Netherlands Navy, from his headquarters at Hellevoet-lust on the mainland opposite the Island, is directing the rescue operation.

He said: "We would, if necessary, forcibly save the people up in trees. But not those on the roofs of their houses. Strictly speaking so long as they stayed on their roofs they are legally in their rights. They have let us evacuate the women, children and old people. Take a look at the refugees landing from the Island. If you see a man over 15 or under 50 you can be sure he has been rescued from the tops of trees—not from a roof."

When asked what about the people on roof tops, the Commander said that they were waiting for the water to go down.

He added: "We are doing what we can, giving them blankets, clothes, drinking water, food and even portable stoves. But there are many who are overcome by cold and exposure. We are bringing out dying men and some dead bodies."

The Commander shrugged when some houses facing his headquarters collapsed.

Asked whether he could give the casualty figure on the Island, he said he did not know. As hamlets and large farms of the Island have been cut off or submerged, the task of reconnoitering all these houses is still being carried out by rescue parties. — France-Press.

SURVIVOR'S STORY

Bergen op Zoom, Feb. 3. One of the first survivors of the village of Stavenisse on the Island of Tholen described on Tuesday how the floods which swept south-west Holland reduced his little village to a watery waste broken by a handful of roof-tops.

Earlier on Tuesday the captain of a rescue vessel which brought 400 of Stavenisse's 1739 inhabitants to Bergen of Zoom said the town's burgomaster was saying that 200 persons had died there, this report has not yet been confirmed.

"I have a wife and two children," said W. Van Hagen, the 40-year-old survivor, "Sunday night at 4 o'clock I was awakened by a strange sound. I got up, had a look about and I saw that the water was up to four inches in the rooms. I immediately woke up my wife and children and took them into the attic. Then I went back to get some clothes and food. I was still busy with that when suddenly I heard a thundering crash. A wall of water burst over the village and in a minute the level rose to 25 feet."

"We were no longer safe in the attic, either. The house rocked back and forth and I had the feeling we were in a row boat far out at sea. "We got on the roof. After I had taken up my two children, I went down once more for my wife who was just barely able to

Death Toll Latest

London, Feb. 3. At 12.30 p.m. GMT today the number of definitely established deaths throughout the east coast, including those who had died in hospital, was 302.

Many more people were still untraced. Up and down the coast armies of soldiers, airmen and civilian volunteers, with millions of sandbags, fought to seal the breaches in the sea ramparts.

In some places a new peril loomed—the threat of disease caused by the contamination of drains.

The Cabinet, under the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, discussed reports from the flood centres. The Netherlands News Agency reported tonight that 879 had died in the floods in Holland. — Reuter.

Many Offers Of Help

London, Feb. 3. Offers of help for the flood victims in Britain and Holland continued to pour in today from cities and towns around the world.

Reuter correspondents reported. Melbourne: The Melbourne Argus newspaper appealing for immediate aid for British victims suggested the reintroduction of the wartime idea of Australian towns "adopting" an English town or village.

Prime Minister Robert Menzies said the Federal Government would consider suggestions for opening a national fund for European flood relief.

Nicosia, Cyprus: The Cyprus Mail newspaper opened a fund for British victims and contributions quickly poured in. Stockholm: The Swedish Government ordered the military authorities to send large consignments of blankets to Holland immediately. Collections are (Contd. on back page, col. 2)

New Menace To Ostend

Ostend, Feb. 3. Rats—insister forerunners of plague and disease—were swarming tonight in streets leading to the old fishing port here.

And Ostend's 72-hour-long battle with floods switched into a fight against the threatened spread of epidemics from rotting wreckage and disrupted water supplies.

Hundreds of electrical, diesel and hand pumps, operated by sailors and firemen from nearly every brigade in Belgium, had earlier today cleared flood waters from the streets. Now they are emptying smelly basements and cleaning up tons of rubbish. Heaps of spoiled foodstuffs and wrecked goods are piled up by bulldozers in open spaces and covered with quicklime. Lorryloads of disinfectants are being rushed to Ostend from towns as far away as Liege, together with cement and other relief goods. — Reuter.



2 Killed In Carrier Explosion

WARSHIP ALSO CAUGHT ON FIRE

Valletta, Feb. 3. An explosion in the British aircraft carrier Indomitable off Malta today killed two men, and injured 37. One of the crew, blown overboard by the blast, was still missing tonight.

The thirty-seven injured men were brought to hospital here and others were suffering from shock and bruises.

The Admiralty said the explosion occurred in a space next to the carrier's hangar.

"The hangar itself and aircraft of the air group were undamaged," a Navy spokesman said.

The 29,000-ton carrier was returning to Malta after flying training at sea when the explosion occurred.

GIVEN SHORE LEAVE. The possibility of sabotage was almost entirely discounted when the ship's company were given shore leave as usual tonight, according to a Reuter message from Malta.

An inquiry will be opened almost immediately, it is understood.

A usually reliable source said the explosion was due to a mechanical rather than a human error.

Rear Admiral Davis, Flag Officer (Mediteranean), conferred on the quarterdeck with the ship's officers tonight.

A naval spokesman said damage was not as bad as it first thought. — Reuter.

United Press adds the carrier caught fire at sea today following an explosion in a passage below the bridge.

The fire did not break out in the hangar but spread from the passage to the hangar, which was at that time empty of aircraft, the planes having flown off to the shore air station.

Clouds of black smoke curled up from below the bridge. Ammunition from gunniss was immediately transferred to the after end of the flight deck and the fire was brought under control. — United Press.

There Will Be Plain Speaking At Today's Dulles-Eden Meeting

London, Feb. 4.

Mr John Foster Dulles, American Secretary of State, flew into London from Paris yesterday as his British counterpart, Mr Anthony Eden, officially disclosed existence of a serious breach between the two countries on America's new Formosa policy.

The two men are due to meet today and they will thrash out the differences stemming from President Eisenhower's decision to give General Chiang Kai-shek freedom to operate against the Chinese Communist mainland.

Mr Eden told the House of Commons: "The British government were informed in advance by the United States government, and they at once made known their concern at this decision, which they feared would have unfortunate political repercussions without compensating military advantages."

"This continues to be the view of the British government."

Mr Eden admitted: "The matter is one of not inconsiderable delicacy between ourselves and America."

What is not known—and we should be wise to suspend judgment about—is what action if any will follow from this decision," he said.

In other words he will ask Mr Dulles what action General Chiang Kai-shek is expected to take and what consequences are the Americans prepared for if the Communists retaliate.

OPPOSITION ALARM. The Labour Opposition, expressing their alarm lest the new Formosa policy should spread the Far East fighting, demanded a debate on Thursday and the government promised not to stand in the way if Parliamentary business could be reshuffled.

Following Mr Eden's statement in the House of Commons, Mr Herbert Morrison, former Labour Foreign Secretary, asked Prime Minister Winston Churchill for information about what took place between him and Mr Truman and Mr Eisenhower on the subject of Formosa during his visit to America.

Mr Churchill showed no signs of rising to answer the question. Labour members shouted at him, and Mr Morrison complained: "Surely it is permissible on a matter strictly relevant to the subject of Formosa that the Premier should answer the question."

Mr Churchill declined to comment on his American talks, but said: "I am in full accord with the statement by the Foreign Secretary."

T-Bone Hill Attack Was Legitimate Manoeuvre

Washington, Feb. 3. General J. Lawton Collins told Congress today that "Operation Smack" was strictly a legitimate military manoeuvre but said the army accepts "a share of the responsibility" for the way reaction to it went "off the track."

Testifying before the House Armed Services Committee, the Army Chief of Staff said, "I offer no brief whatsoever for the eager 'heaver' who assembled operational plans for the January 25 combat raid in North Korea under a cover bearing the Seventh Division insignia."

"That was a mistake," Gen. Collins said. "The Army accepts it as a mistake and regrets it."

A furor, largely turning on this cover, developed in Congress over the raid in which three Americans were killed and 61 wounded.

The cover was criticised as a "Hollywood touch," and there were demands to know whether the whole operation was a planned "show" for "officer observers. The Army has emphatically denied this implication."

After hearing Collins, Chairman Dewey Short (Republican-Missouri) told him the Committee is convinced the raid was a normal combat operation that had a sound military purpose.

Short said a resolution of inquiry which prompted the testimony from Gen. Collins "would die a natural death."

Representative Clare E. Hoffman (Republican-Michigan), author of the resolution, declined to say whether he was satisfied by Gen. Collins' testimony. — Associated Press.

Conquest Of Flu In Sight

Geneva, Feb. 3. Influenza experts of the World Health Organisation hope that they will be able to announce next year that they have finally mastered the disease.

The WHO said today that it based this hope on the fact that "for the first time it has been possible to use in good time a vaccine prepared in advance."

The current epidemic offered a remarkable opportunity to all scientists working on the prevention of influenza, WHO added. — Reuter.

Six Killed In Colliery Explosion

Kidsgrove, Feb. 3. Six men were killed and one injured in an explosion on Monday night in Burchall's Colliery, one of Britain's few privately-owned coal mines. — Associated Press.

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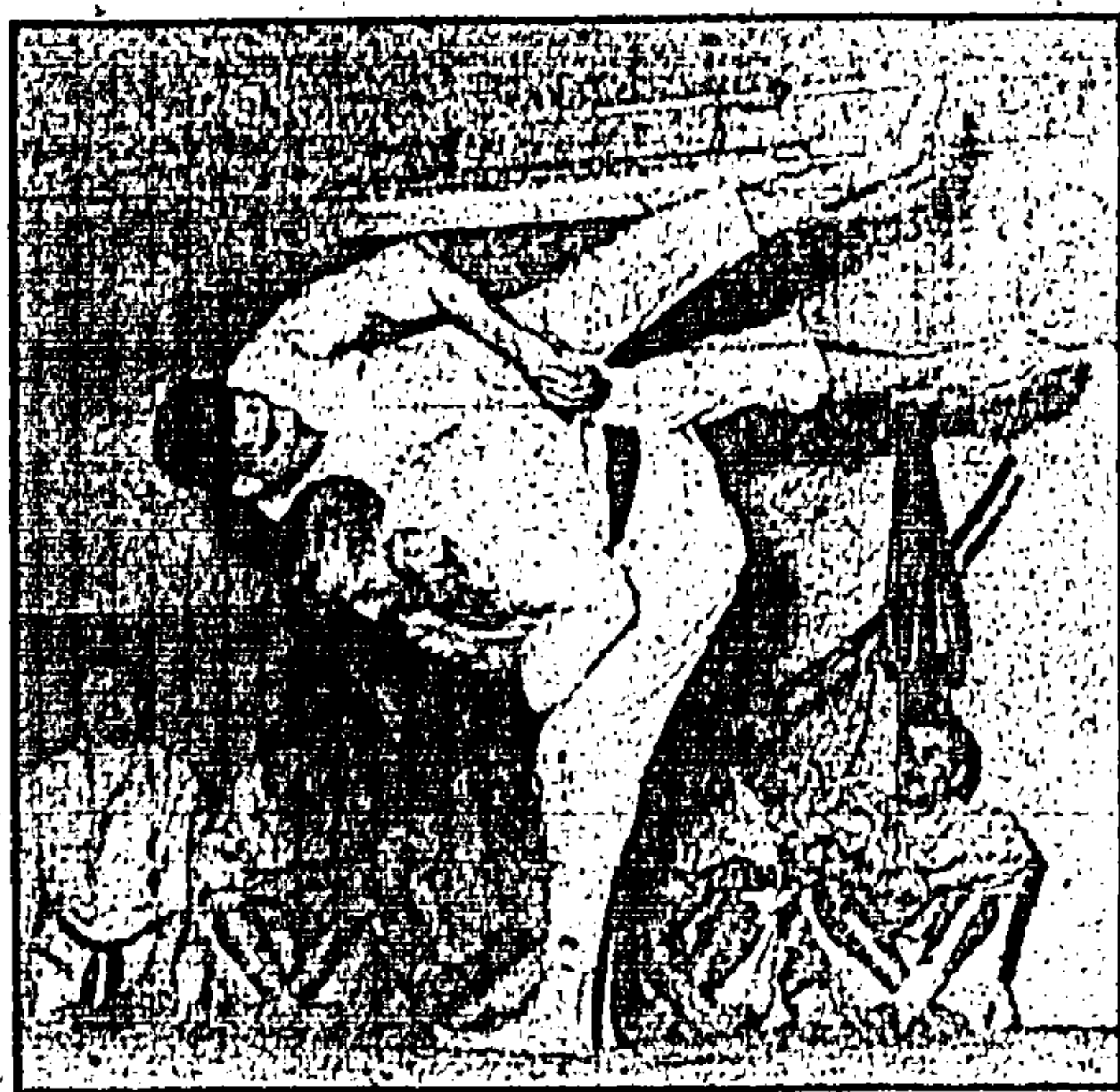
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The MANAGEMENT.

Police Judo Experts



The Metropolitan Police Judo Club recently met North London in an inter-club contest at Chelsea Town Hall. This picture shows two members demonstrating a throw to some of their colleagues during training for the contest. Central Press Photo.

Truman Loyalty Check System Being Replaced

Washington, Feb. 3. The Eisenhower Administration today began discarding the Truman Federal Employee loyalty check system, replacing it with a new Internal Security Programme for all civil servants.

The plan was broadly projected in the President's State of the Union message on Monday as one to get rid of the disloyal and the dangerous. It sets up a new standard for hirings and firings on Federal jobs, involving "a reasonable doubt as to security."

The present programme is based, instead, on "a reasonable doubt as to loyalty."

Officials who have worked on the new plan say the revised screening will be much broader in scope. It is designed to cover the worker who may be wholly without subversive associations, affiliations or activities, but who has personal habits—for example, alcoholism, homosexuality or habitual over-talkingness—in public—which might endanger the national security.

The Attorney-General, Mr. Herbert Brownell, designated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower as official adviser to all Government agencies on the new personnel policy, called a meeting of representatives of each of the Cabinet-rank Departments Monday to discuss the details.

A spokesman for the Attorney-General said the President will shortly thereafter issue an executive order, based on a 1940 Act, covering operating procedure.

Among other things the programme will do away entirely with the 30-man Federal Loyalty Review Board, which has functioned for the last five years as a supreme court of appeals in loyalty cases. It will be continued only long enough to dispose of outstanding cases.

FINAL JUDGE

The revised plan calls for the head of each agency to be the final judge on dismissals, or refusal to hire, based on the security factor.

As outlined by Mr. Brownell's spokesman, the new employee security plan involves this: The executive order will be based on the 1940 Act which authorised dismissal from four executive branches for security reasons, but which left it to the President to decide if the same law was to be applied elsewhere. Those four branches are the Atomic Energy Commission, Mutual Security Agency and the State and Defence Departments.

Every department and agency in the Government will appoint a new agency security officer, different from the individual now functioning under the loyalty check.

Every agency will maintain a hearing board of three members, drawn from outside that agency, but not necessarily from outside the Government. This Board will afford hearings for employees about whom derogatory material is reported to the agency security officer.

ONLY ONE APPEAL

Agency heads could suspend those under investigation, and only one appeal from adverse findings—to the agency head—would be provided.

The FBI will continue to make the basic "name check" on job applicants or job holders to determine if adverse material is in its files.

The whole 2,500,000 employees on the payroll will not be checked all over again, but there will be reviews of those cases in

New Wave Of "Titoism" In Finland's People's Party

Helsinki, Feb. 3. "Titoism" has broken out in Finland's People's Democrat party, a merger of Communists and left wing Socialists.

The Finnish leaders of the party, the third in Parliament after the Social Democrats and the Agrarians, are in rebellion against a handful of Soviet subjects who are trying to run the party behind the scenes.

These Soviet subjects are Finnish Communists who fled to the Soviet Union between the wars when Communists were forbidden in Finland. They acquired Soviet nationality and came back to Finland after the 1944 Armistice.

As Soviet subjects, they are not eligible for election to Parliament but, as Helsinki's non-Communist newspapers have reported, they claim the right to run the party.

These "emigrant Communists," as the Finnish newspapers call them, are opposed by three other groups:

1. "Home" Communists, party members who failed to flee to Russia in time and were either in prison or living underground in Finland between the wars;

2. "Young" Communists, a small band of Communist men and women fanatics trained in the party's school since the war, and

3. Socialist Unitarians, the extreme left wing Socialists who make common cause with the Communist party without actually joining it.

CONTINUOUS TENSION

The emigrants and Young Communists see eye to eye on most matters and there has been continuous tension between these two groups on the one side and the Home Communists and the Socialist Unitarians on the other.

Not only have the emigrants wanted to run the party but also they have never forgiven the Home Communists and the Socialist Unitarians for refusing to join with them in an armed bid for power in 1948.

This tension came to a head in January when the People's Democrat Party committee dismissed Rauli Palmgren, Socialist Unitarian from the post of Chief Editor of "Vapaus Sana", the party's chief newspaper.

For sometime Palmgren had been at variance with Armas Aikio, leader of the Emigrants, and had even criticised him in "Vapaus Sana" as a "harmful individual". Palmgren has since disclosed, however, that his chief offence was failing to print a report of the Slansky trial in Prague which was issued by information services sponsored by the Soviet Legation, Helsinki.

Palmgren published a brief report of the trial, using mainly material supplied by independent news agencies. He was reported as having told his colleagues that events in Czechoslovakia had "shocked" him.

COMPLETE BREAK?

Shortly after Palmgren's dismissal, Aatos Wirtanen, leader of the Socialist Unitarians, declared a public debate with the Young Conservatives' Association, that the Slansky trial in Prague and the arrest of Dertinger in East Germany "are quite incomprehensible to me."

"Developments in the East European countries," he added, "have not been dramatic." Asked to re-state the Socialist Unitarians' policy, he said: "Our group do not support the Communist doctrine of taking power by force. We believe in working by Parliamentary means."

Neither Wirtanen nor Palmgren will disclose whether the Socialist Unitarians are contemplating breaking with the Communists and forming a completely independent party. But if they finally do so, many Communists, it seems, will go with him.

Some Finnish newspapers have even gone so far as to question the complete loyalty to the Communist party of its secretary, Ville Pesä, and its sharp-brained

leading woman member, Herito Kuusinen.

Both Pesä and Mrs. Kuusinen opposed Palmgren's dismissal. In addition Mrs. Kuusinen, contrary to her long standing practice, this year failed to lead the People's Democrats routine attack against the Agrarian-Socialist Government's budget.

Moscow has so far shown that she places little reliance on Finland's Communists. She had even snubbed them on occasion. For example, when the Agrarian Prime Minister, Dr. Urho Kekkonen went to Moscow to sign a five-year Trade Pact with Russia two years ago, Mrs. Kuusinen and Pesä turned up in the Red capital at the same time. Dr. Kekkonen was cordially received by Stalin and entertained in the Kremlin. Mrs. Kuusinen and Pesä were ignored.

This new wave of "Titoism" in the People's Democrat party is, therefore, not likely to affect Finland's relations with Soviet Russia, even if it leads to a complete break between the Communist Party and the Socialist Unitarians, with wide desertions from the former.

The first signs of Moscow's displeasure would, it is believed here, be a strong hint to the Finnish authorities that the Government would gladly see the Emigrants reinstated as Finnish citizens and thus qualified to play an open, militant role in the Communist Party.—Reuter.

Reds' New Charges Against Washington

London, Feb. 3. Pravda, the Soviet Communist party newspaper, today accused "American warmongers" of transforming Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island, into "a springboard for attack on the Soviet Union."

The article, quoted in a Tass Agency message received here, said the Americans had chosen Hokkaido because of its nearness to Soviet frontiers and its suitable climatic and geographical conditions.

"Peaceful" Japanese had protested against the "war preparations."

It said that to avoid these "vital issues" being brought to public attention, the Japanese Government had concocted false charges, accusing Soviet planes of violating Japanese territory.

(A Japanese Foreign Office spokesman said in Tokyo last month that, since the Summer, at least 20 to 30 planes from Soviet bases had flown over Hokkaido, separated from Soviet-held Sakhalin Island by the narrow Goya Straits.

(Japan) warned Russia at the same time that Soviet planes would be shot down if they continued to violate Japanese territory.

(Later in the same month a Japanese newspaper report in Tokyo said a Japanese anti-aircraft battalion had completed its initial training with United States security forces and would be sent to Hokkaido when fully trained.

The Americans would loan 80 mm anti-aircraft guns to a battalion, the report added. A spokesman of the National Safety Board, Japan's embryonic Defence Ministry, refused to comment on the report.)—Reuter.

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Anglo-French Talks

London, Feb. 3. The French Prime Minister, M. Rene Mayer, will visit London for talks with British Ministers on February 12 and 13, the Foreign Office announced tonight.

He will be accompanied by his Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, and the Minister of Economics, M. Robert Barin.

The Foreign Office said: "The invitation, which was first given some months ago, reflects the practice of holding periodical meetings between British and French Ministers."

Diplomatic quarters believe the presence of M. Barin in the French delegation indicated that the Ministers would discuss the question of co-ordinating British approaches to the United States in connection with the Commonwealth economic plan and similar approaches to be made by the OEEC.

Diplomatic quarters believe that the French Ministers will make proposals for a closer association between Britain and the future European Defence Community.

Possible proposals are believed to include an undertaking from Britain not to remove British troops on the Continent without consultation with the European Defence Community.

TRADE DEFICIT

The other main topic of the conversations will be the French trade deficit with the Sterling Area which has risen since last year caused a deterioration of France's position in the European Payments Union.

As well as asking for the relaxation of the import controls, the French visitors are also likely to urge Britain to take no decision about the convertibility of Sterling outside the Organisation for European Economic Organisation.

Other topics which will receive attention include:

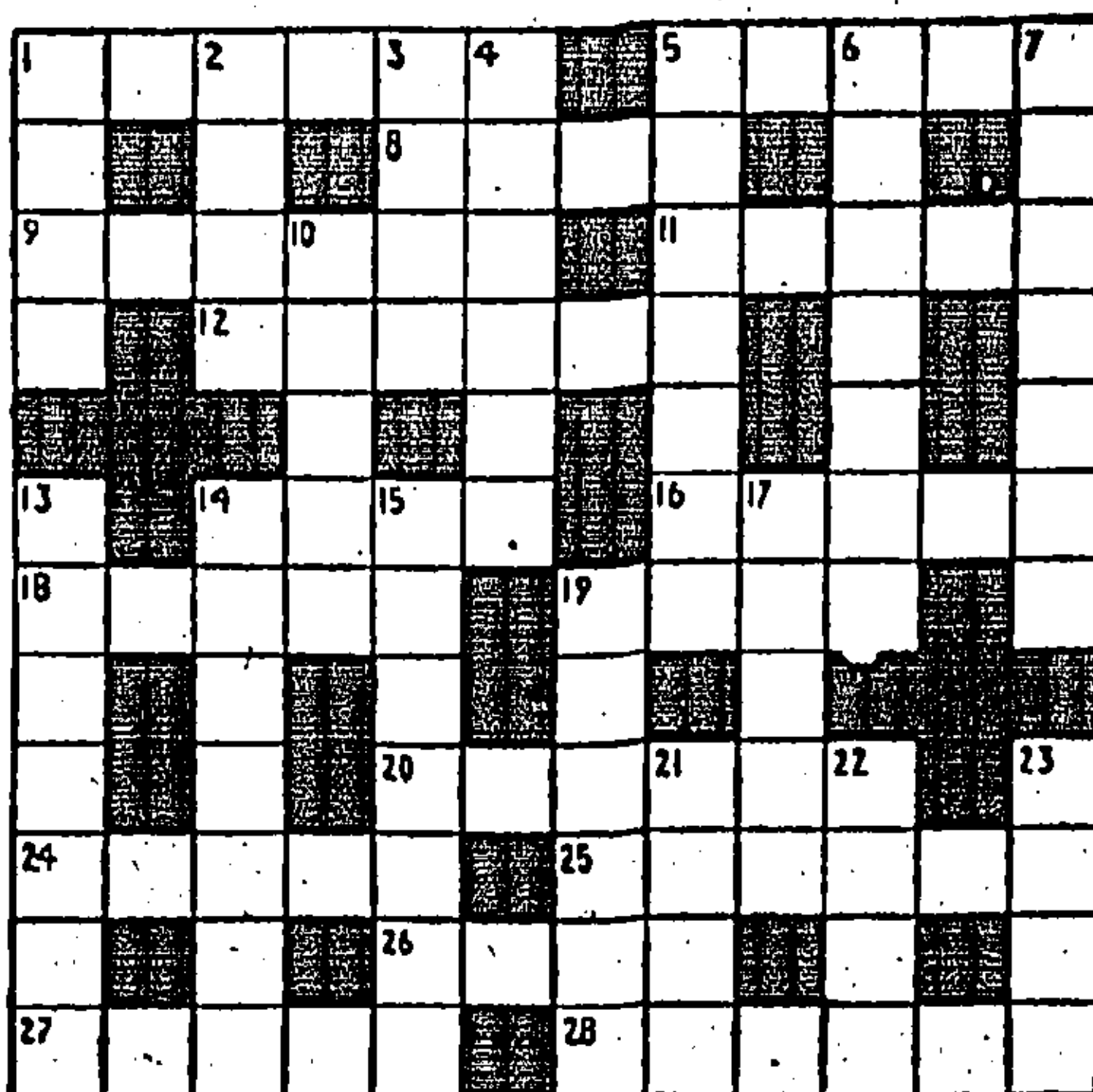
1. Indo-China and the general Far East situation following the "denaturalisation" of Formosa.
2. Discussion of the French plan for the pooling of financial resources for NATO defence, and
3. North Africa.—Reuter.

Fishing Treaty Hopes

Tokyo, Feb. 3. A delegation from the Japanese fishing industry returned from Korea reported today that President Syngman Rhee had raised their hopes of an agreement on fishing rights between Japan and Korea on a basis of mutual co-operation.

The issue is one of several at present blocking a general Japan-Korea agreement on which inter-governmental negotiations may soon be reopened.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Term.
- 2 Animal track.
- 3 Contest.
- 4 Usage.
- 5 Caper.
- 6 Agreement.
- 7 Public.
- 8 Nominated.
- 9 Temperate.
- 10 Monster.
- 11 Piece of absence.
- 12 Tincture.
- 13 Fragrant oil.
- 14 Symbol.
- 15 Lace-hole.

DOWN

- 1 Choose.
- 2 Corrode.
- 3 Wind instrument.
- 4 Estate.
- 5 Remaining.
- 6 Consequence.
- 7 Registers.
- 8 Colloquial nonsense.
- 9 Road surface.
- 10 Pillar.
- 11 Wearing away.
- 12 Crime.
- 13 Drug.
- 14 System of weights.
- 15 Brook.
- 16 Crazy.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Lithe, 4 Torpid, 8 Canvass, 10 Creek, 12 Street, 14 Sincere, 17 Olive, 19 Apricot, 20 Recline, 22 Imam, 23 Garnish, 27 Delicte, 29 Swede, 30 Sateen, 31 Désist, 32 Molts. Down: 1 Licks, 2 Tenon, 3 Erase, 5 Once, 6 Poetic, 7 Dulcet, 9 Strange, 11 Region, 13 Repents, 15 Item, 16 Calmed, 18 Vows, 20 Refined, 21 Cadets, 24 Realm, 25 Ideal, 26 Hints, 28 Lams.

Holmes And Watson In A Thriller Ballet



Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's famous sleuth, Sherlock Holmes, and his assistant, Dr Watson, are seen here in a new interpretation by the Sadler's Wells Theatre Ballet called "The Great Detective." Picture shows Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson flying through the air in pursuit of a clue.—Reuterphoto.

FIRST MOVE TO REFORM LORDS

All-Party Conference Call

London, Feb. 3. The Conservative Government today took the first step towards reforming the 900-year-old House of Lords, whose 860 hereditary members hand down their seats—with their titles—to their sons.

The Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, has sent out invitations to the Labour and Liberal Party leaders for an all-party conference on reform, Viscount Swinton, Conservative spokesman in the House, announced today.

This step may short-circuit a debate in the House of Lords on a private reform Bill introduced by Lord Simon, former Lord Chancellor, who wants to create non-hereditary "life" peerages.

He asked the House of Lords today to give a second reading, or agreement in principle, to his bill authorising Queen Elizabeth II to appoint up to 10 "life" peers, including women, each year.

But though all political parties are agreed on the need

for reform, they differ on the steps to be taken, and Lord Simon's bill is unlikely to be approved.

The argument for "life" peerages is that there are eminent people who may not want a hereditary title but who could do the country great service in Parliament.

The House of Lords has only limited power in running the nation's affairs.

All legislation from the lower chamber, the House of Commons, must go to the House of Lords for approval.

QUEEN'S RIGHT

But the upper house can be vetoed if it holds up a law for more than a year.

Under the present law the Queen has the right to create peerages which are passed from father to son.

Apart from the Law Lords, eminent judges appointed to strengthen the legal element in the House, no man has been created a non-hereditary "life" Peer for five centuries or more.

The Law Lords have all the rights and privileges of the Peers of the Realm in the House, but their titles are not handed down.

Discussion on Lord Simon's Bill was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

Decisive Battle Looming In The Quinson Beachhead Area

Vietminh Forces Massing

Saigon, Feb. 3. French pilots flying reconnaissance missions over the Quinson beachhead area in Annam reported today that the Communist command was regrouping forces near the defence perimeter for a possible bid to throw the French into the sea.

Pilots of the French carrier *Arromanches*, anchored off Quinson Bay, 250 miles north-east of here, said that they had seen Vietminh units streaming into Binh Dinh, 12 miles north-west of Quinson.

French Command sources here said that intelligence reports identified the enemy units as parts of the 803rd and 120th Regiments plus several irregular battalions.

The French Command said that it will be several days before the enemy can launch an offensive against the thousands of French paratroopers and riflemen who swarmed ashore at Quinson to ease strong enemy pressure on the besieged fortress of An Khê, about 45 miles inland. Debarcation took place a week ago.

In preparation for the showdown battle the enemy is reinforcing defences around its stronghold of Binh Dinh and a series of outposts along Song Toc, the main obstacle separating the two foes.

Several French patrol units, meanwhile, have probed into the no-man's-land between the two lines and destroyed railroad installations at Van Hoi, important communication hub off the Colonial Road to the provincial capital of Dien Tri.

SAMPANS ATTACKED

Other units attacked Vietminh sampans carrying supplies over narrow canals west of Quinson Bay.

The French Command refused to disclose whether it will accept the eventual enemy challenge and try to maintain its hold on Quinson or whether it will withdraw its troops.

An official spokesman pointed out that whatever decision was made, the landing—the biggest amphibious operation of the seven-year-old war—has proved that French troops can land behind enemy lines wherever and whenever they wish.—United Press.

AMERICAN AID

Paris, Feb. 3. M. Jean Létourneau, Minister for the Associated States, said here tonight he thought the Americans intended to study means of securing more definite results in Indo-China.

M. Létourneau was speaking at a Press conference after the

5. T. MANDY
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7. S. An American in Paris
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Diplomat Expelled

Paris, Feb. 3. The Hungarian Government today expelled an Israeli diplomat, Joseph Walter, from Budapest for alleged espionage, the Hungarian Embassy announced today.

A spokesman of the Hungarian Embassy said the Hungarian Foreign Affairs Ministry today ordered the Israeli Legation's Cultural Attaché in Budapest, Mr Joseph Walter, to leave Hungarian territory immediately.

Mr Walter left by plane tonight, he added.

The Embassy spokesman said that, in a note addressed to the Israeli Legation in Budapest today, the Hungarian Foreign Affairs Ministry stated that Walter was persona non grata and had indulged in espionage activities under the cover of his diplomatic immunity.—Reuter.

Drought At An End

Tunis, Feb. 3. A serious drought in Southern Tunisia ended today when rain fell in the Bengardane region. The prolonged drought killed half the flocks and brought hardship to 700,000 nomads and farmers.—Associated Press.

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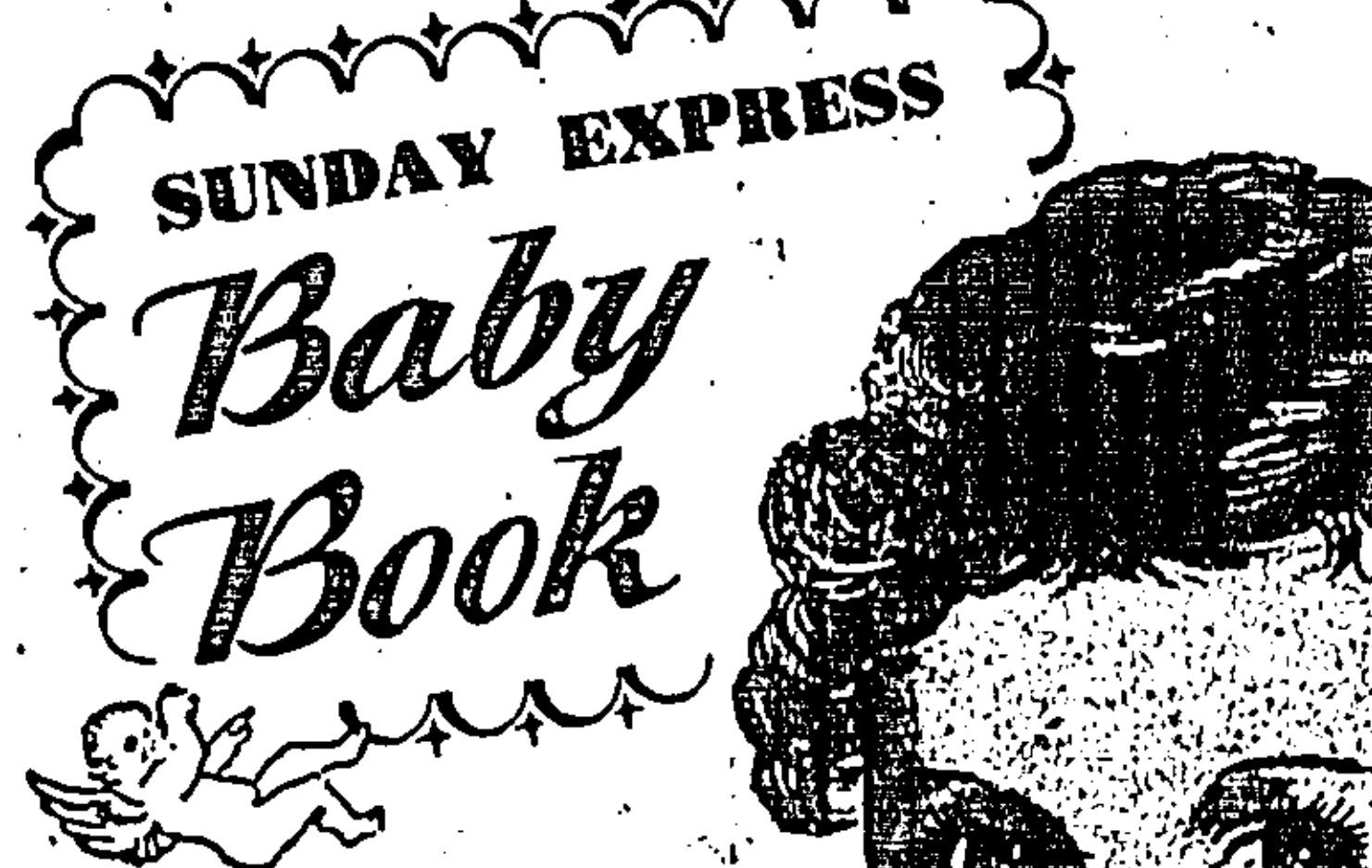
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Coronation Slips

By
J. W. TAYLOR

THE Bishop of Bath and Wells will be one of the two Bishops to "support" the Queen at her Coronation in June, which is as it should be, for the service will have its roots in that used by Archbishop Dunstan at the Coronation of King Edgar in Bath.

Although certain additions have been made and certain medieval features, such as the banquet and the entry of the mounted Champion, have been discarded through the years, the basic ceremony and ritual remain.

Since 1189, when Richard I was crowned, the Bishop of Bath and Wells has always been one of the two Bishops who have the right to "support" the Sovereign and stand immediately at his or her side throughout the service, because they were the senior Bishops present in 1189, and no one has since disputed their right to be there.

It was a Bishop of Bath and Wells who caused a muddle at the Coronation of Queen Victoria. He appeared to have turned over two pages of his Order of Service in one motion and, believing that the ceremony was finished, told the Queen so, and she retired to Edward the Confessor's Chapel. After a discussion, the King had to be brought back for the omitted part of the service to be held.

Wrong Finger

In her published diary: "My Coronation," the young Queen refrained from mentioning the incident. She made but a passing reference to another. This concerned a last-minute discussion about which ring finger should receive the ring, and the Archbishop finally chose the wrong one and literally forced the ring on to her fourth finger, causing her considerable pain because it had been made to fit her little finger.

Queen Victoria's diary entry read: "... The Princesses went away about half an hour before I did; the Archbishop had put the ring on the wrong finger, and the consequence was that I had the greatest difficulty to take it off again — which I at last did with great pain."

Yet another incident at this crowning brought a diary comment from the young Queen. The aged Lord Rolle tripped as he mounted the steps to the Throne for the Homage. Wrote the Queen: "... Poor old

Lord Rolle... he fell and rolled quite down... when he attempted to descend the steps I got up and advanced to the end of them in order to prevent another fall."

Historians add that the Queen extended her hand and so bowed her head that the infirm and 82-year-old Peer could touch the crown in homage without further exertion.

Ancient Rites

Although Coronations have been associated with Westminster for 900 years, before that time the Sovereigns were crowned wherever it was convenient—as, for instance, when Edward and Edward the Confessor at Winchester in 1042. Yet the Queen's Coronation will include various rites and ceremonies harking back beyond these latter dates.

Her crowning, however, will be the 38th Coronation of a reigning Sovereign to have taken place at Westminster since the Norman Conquest, and the 28th to have taken place within the existing Abbey church. In addition to these, Prince Henry, the eldest son of Henry II, was crowned at Westminster during his father's lifetime, though he did not live to succeed to the Throne; and eleven Queen Consorts have been crowned some years after their husbands within the same Abbey.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Now there's nothing organically wrong, Comrade Zhdanov," said "it's simply a case of what we doctors call night starvation."

Nathaniel Gubbins

A woman aged 25 admitted in an interview that she had been a member of the Communist Party since she was three.

WHEN I was only three, my dear, when I was only three, you couldn't tell me much about the filthy bourgeoisie.

From Engels and Das Kapital I heard about the sum Remind me of rich Aunt Maud and selfish Dad and Mum.

When I was only three, my dear, I grew to hate my toys; I discussed the reasons with some forward thinking boys. We talked of exploitation of the workers and their brains, and told astonished dustmen they were palley slaves in chains.

When I was only three, my dear, I stripped my dollies bare. Of all their silken finery, and cut their golden hair. And naked in the nursery I put them on a charge. Of wasteful unproductiveness, subversive sabotage.

When I was only three, my dear, I told our jolly char. That when the worker's day should dawn she'd be a communist. That Daddy who exploited her would spend his life in goal. And Mummy would be on her knees with scrubbing brush and pail.

When I was only three, my dear, they laughed at what I said. They thought me such a clever head with too much in my head. They never guessed the notions of a little child would thrive. And still seem smart and clever at the age of twenty-five.

Wizard of Oz

ANONYMOUS HARLEY Street doctors frequently quoted in the newspapers as saying that we are all at our lowest

point of resistance against disease in mid-January still be glad that their old friend and hypochondriac, Uncle Nat Gubbins, who is not only half a doctor but sometimes only half a columnist in these days of restricted space, is prepared for the worst.

To his already formidable stock of medicines, pills and powders guaranteed to stop anything from gout to beriberi, he has added packets of patent foods full of vitamins from A to Z guaranteed to build up the body against infection and to stop anything from scurvy to senile decay.

Indeed, his work-room is so full of bottles, pill-boxes, cartons, packets, pamphlets, cure-alls, wonder workers, tonics, eye-drops, ear-drops, and nose-drops, that his life partner, The Plucky Little Woman, says that all he needs now is a conical cap studded with silver paper stars, and a petticoat and mortar to turn him into an old-time alchemist or The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.

Moreover (she complains) the bottles, pill-boxes and patent foods have now begun to appear in the dining-room and kitchen because the Wizard cannot bear to be parted for more than a few minutes from his magic potions, and has not yet acquired enough energy from the vitamin foods to run upstairs and get them.

She is also getting nervous because (1) some of the bottles in the kitchen are marked POISON & DROPS ONLY, and may get into the cooking when she has mislaid her glasses; and (2) the Wizard has accumulated so many bottles of medicines and boxes of pills over the years that he doesn't know now what they are for. Pills like yellow corns that may or may not be sleeping drugs, and white tablets marked in quarters like tiny hot-cross-buns that may be for gout, fibrositis or neuritis.

With no uniform to protect them THEY BRAVED GRIM ENEMY VENGEANCE

London.

IN all theatres of war, there were many civilian patriots ready to shelter and help shot-down Allied airmen to escape. They were contemptuous, it seemed, of the Gestapo's inquisitions or Japanese tortures.

Through its efforts to repay their sacrifices, the R.A.F. Escaping Society surveys a little proudly today many staunch friendships formed, not only within the Commonwealth but between members and their airmen in Europe, North Africa and the Far East. Each year, this friendship circle grows wider and more influential.

Few outside the initiated, appreciate what sacrifices were made. As Sir Basil Embry, the Society's Chairman and C-in-C Fighter Command—himself a daredevil escapist from his Nazi captors when shot down over France in 1940—says of the escapee airmen: "These were ordinary men and women, mostly unassuming humdrum folk, who had no uniform to protect them, nor were they under any obligation to go to the assistance of the R.A.F. The penalties they braved dwarfed those facing the uniformed airman."

Certain Death

THEIR risks, if weighed up, amounted to almost certain death, preceded in most cases, by degradation, starvation and torture in concentration camps.

Yet, time and time again, they reacted with valour to the needs of British, Dominion and Allied airmen "on the run."

A minority admittedly escaped the final vengeance of a frustrated enemy.

Recently the Society decided to admit as associate members escapees and evaders of World War I. The first man so honoured was Sir Thomas White, the Australian High Commissioner. Captured by the Turks in 1915, he showed his enemies a clean pair of heels, and escaped across the Black Sea three years later.

Altogether, during World War II, some 2,000 Allied airmen in Europe alone were snatched from the enemy's hands to fly again. Many in Malaya, too, owed their escape from Japanese prison camps to civilians' help. The numbers so rescued constituted a powerful striking force, one which played no small part in piloting the Allied air fleets to final victory.

Joke over

"I try in vain to be entertaining about little things that happen every day, and am amusing at the time. But I only bore my husband."

Such a funny thing happened today. Yes? Well, it made me laugh, anyway. Did it? As I was getting on a bus I ran into little Mrs X. You remember little Mrs X? No, I don't. Oh, but you must. I said I don't. And I said to her, I said: "Oh hello, Mrs X. Fancy seeing you."

What did she say? She said: "Oh, hello. You are a changed person. Then I said: 'Where are you going?' And she said: 'Charing Cross'. And I said: 'Oh, no you're not. You're going to Chelsea.' And was she? Yes. The bus was going the other way. Why? Was the driver drunk? Of course not. Mrs X got on a bus she thought was going to Charing Cross, but was going to Chelsea.

Perhaps she was drunk? Don't be silly. When do we get to the funny part? That was the funny part. Oh.

—(London Express Service)

A. J. Forrest tells what our escaped airmen are doing to repay those who risked torture, degradation and death to help them to safety

But when brought back, barely alive, from the concentration camps, it was found that they were either too maimed or ruined in health ever to work effectively again.

The postwar world promised little relief for their orphans or widows. Even their own Governments, notably those of France and Belgium, disclaimed in several cases responsibility, because they added not compatriots but foreigners.

It was in 1946 that Viscount Portal of Hungerford, then Chief of the Air Staff, formed the Society and registered it under the 1940 War Charities Act.

Blue Tie

AT present, just on 500 airmen or ex-airmen, who escaped or evaded capture after coming down in enemy-held territory, wear its distinctive blue tie with golden eagles caged in by jagged lines that symbolise barbed wire. All are still serving or ex-members of the R.A.F., Dominions Air Forces or those Allied Air Units enlisted under the R.A.F.'s overall command.

More recently, the R.A.F. Escaping Society, appreciative alike of the civilian courage and the parents' sacrifices, handed her a cheque for £25. With it she fulfilled another keenly felt wish; she raised a memorial stone to her parents in the village church.

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Her pension of 12,000 francs a year, about £12, awarded her by the French Government, can buy her few comforts. Neither do the citations, which she greatly treasures, from the British and American Chiefs of Staff help to restore her health. Yet from that hell, to her unbelievable good

fortune, she was rescued, alive, by the Americans.

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Too often, though, the story of a valiantly given to some fugitive airman, plunges into tragedy. A 16-year-old girl, Madeleine Neuberger, whom the Escaping Society brought recently to England for a fortnight's holiday, recounted the circumstances of her father's arrest, when the Gestapo interrupted a party celebrating her brother Henri's baptism.

"They took him away," she said, emotionally, "and soon afterwards, he was shot at the Tir National, where hundreds of resistance men were machine-gunned, usually in batches of ten."

Faces Smashed

SHOUTING insults, they hammered the couple mercilessly; they smashed their faces and kicked them in the stomach before dragging them off, with the airman, to face further brutalities. Robertie never saw her parents again. But she is aware of their fate. Her father died in a concentration camp and her mother, though recovered alive from a similar inferno, died soon afterwards of TB in a sanatorium reserved for French concentration camp victims at St Gall, Switzerland.

All the time, Robertie carried on bravely, managing the farm work single-handed. Shortly after the war's end, however, her one faithful horse died in its traces. With insufficient money to buy another, Robertie fell closer to despair than at any time before. A week later, however, her misery changed to joy.

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ing—a "prematurely aged saint", as an acquaintance described her.

Whenever possible, she turns to her fancy needlework and earns a few much-needed francs. "I live among many kind friends," she says, gratefully. The Escaping Society recently delighted her with a small donation.

There are different ways of repaying debts of honour, as the father of another New Zealand flyer, Squadron Leader Bennett, discovered when he called in Paris on his son's wartime de-liv-er, Mlle Yvette Croquison. He asked her to state her dearest wish, irrespective of expense. She plumped at once for a Corgi motor cycle.

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His Cover

SEVERAL gallant families impoverished themselves by buying black-market foodstuffs to keep their airmen hidden or to equip them with civilian clothes, maps, compasses and other escape aids. A typical family-help circle revolved round the Marliners household in the picturesque French village of St Jean de Luz, near the Spanish border.

M. Martineau, a jobbing builder, used his everyday activities as cover to his wife's cycling expeditions. Mounted on her back, often with forged documents, identity cards and "civil" parents stuffed into the seat, she snared the country-side, ostensibly in search of food. Her secret mission, though, consisted of escorting escaping airmen, wrapping them by secret paths into the upper passes, where trusted mountain guides led them on to safety. The family's dangerous game of bicycle bluff was never called.

Hardly less intrepid was the Count Antoine d'Ursel who, under his resistance code-name of "Frocos" (after his first chateau near Namur in September 1943 to escort a party of 10 British and one U.S. airmen disguised as peasants and gentlemen.

He led them safely to the Pyrenees. There, just after the party had crawled through a narrow gully, the American stumbled and disappeared into the swirling river Bidouze. The Count, a middle-aged man, was plunged in after him and was swept away and drowned. Such a death merits, surely, a citation ordinarily reserved to men who distinguish themselves under enemy fire.

Carried On

THE majority of stories about escapee-aiders impress one, I find, by their family element. Love of liberty and heroism seem to be inherited qualities.

For instance, when the Fillierin family of St. Omer lost their parents—the father was reported to Buchenwald—the two daughters and small son carried on the escape work, unmoved by the Gestapo's watch. And when their home was liberated in 1945, this young trio actually had a Caradlian airman safely stowed away beneath their living room's floorboards.

Much indeed is owing to such people. To aid the postwar rehabilitation of survivors, the R.A.F. Escaping Society has raised nearly £5,000, to date. Each summer it brings fifty to sixty young members of aiders' families to England for a fortnight's holiday. It is possible by the seaside. Sponsored visits to local R.A.F. stations form a highlight of their holiday. With members scattered now from Brantford to Brisbane, distance serves as a challenge rather than a barrier to keep alive the friendship between escapers and their patriot helpers whose courage gave them freedom.

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• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

HAVING failed in half a dozen attempts to reach the moon, Dr. Strabismus (Whom God Preserve) of Utrecht has now decided on steeper measures.

He has a new theory, based on a treatise of Archimedes of Syracuse. The force of gravity undergoes certain modifications under water. By storing sea-water in a kind of fountain built into the nozzle of a rocket it should be possible, with a revolving chute which would return the spent water to its tank, to project this water ahead of the rocket at a constant stream, thus neutralizing the earth's pull, or considerably decreasing it. Experiments on snails, elkhorn birds, and sheets of oxidized bismuth steeped in hyaline potash have shown that salt water, as a reagent, is affected by the density of the atmosphere. That is all one can say at present.

An odd conversation

Her singing of the aria brought the mouse down.

(Music critic.)
THE singer drew back in alarm. "I think I'm going to shriek," she said. "You have been shrieking," riposted the mouse. "There's no peace behind the wainscot with this din going on."

"And what do you know of music?" asked the trembling diva.

"My father was a singing mouse, trained by a clergyman," was the proud reply.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

BORN today, you are strictly on idealism unless you can follow your own star, you will not only be unhappy, but you will never reach the heights to which you aspire. Parents of children born on this day must be aware of this and give their progeny free rein when they express themselves in some definite direction very early in life. Find out what your child's hobby is. It may turn out to be his ultimate profession. But whatever you do, don't try to push. Merely encourage.

All of you under this day's star are self-reliant, reserved and quietly determined to get exactly what you want out of life. You may keep your innermost desires to yourself until you are ready to act. Then, your cautiousness and reserve may come as a great surprise, even to those who thought they knew you very well. Indeed, you may seem impulsive to others, but actually, you are the soul of deliberation.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): Don't speak out in fire, or you may find that you will have real reason to regret it.
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20): Don't postpone any new business plan previously arranged until a better day.
ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20): Don't take things for granted. Be friendly, but reserved. Let the others make the first move.
TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21): Keep strictly to the familiar and

leave experimentation to another, unless you are sure.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Don't play practical jokes today. They could turn out to be the wrong way for everyone concerned.

CANCER (June 22-July 23): You can cheer up someone who has been very ill by making a card or a message or a small gift.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23): Don't let your mood be otherwise perfectly good day. Self-control is important.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): Be very careful today before you make any important decision and you will avoid trouble, later on.

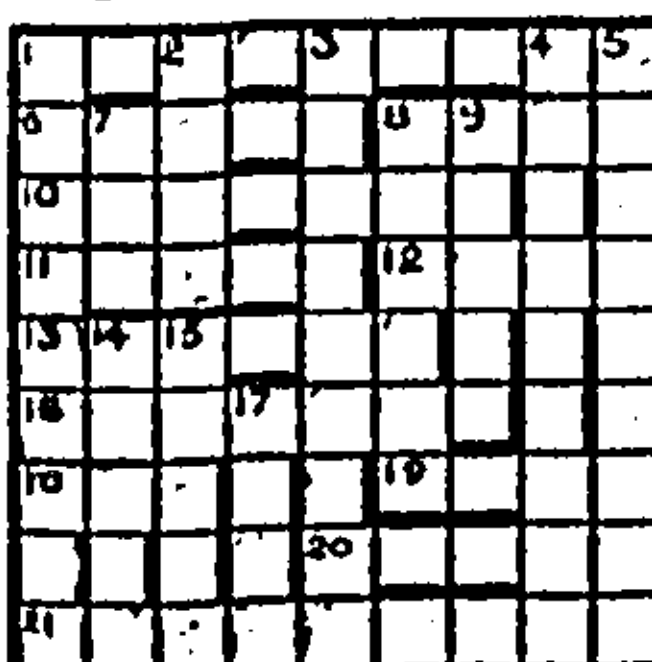
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23): This can be a calm and quiet day with steady progress if only you will permit it to be so.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23): There can be a confusion in objectives so be very careful to make your selection carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22): Do you need to expand your budget? If so, you can probably arrange it satisfactorily.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20): Be a peacemaker today. Don't ruffle anyone's feelings if you can possibly help it.

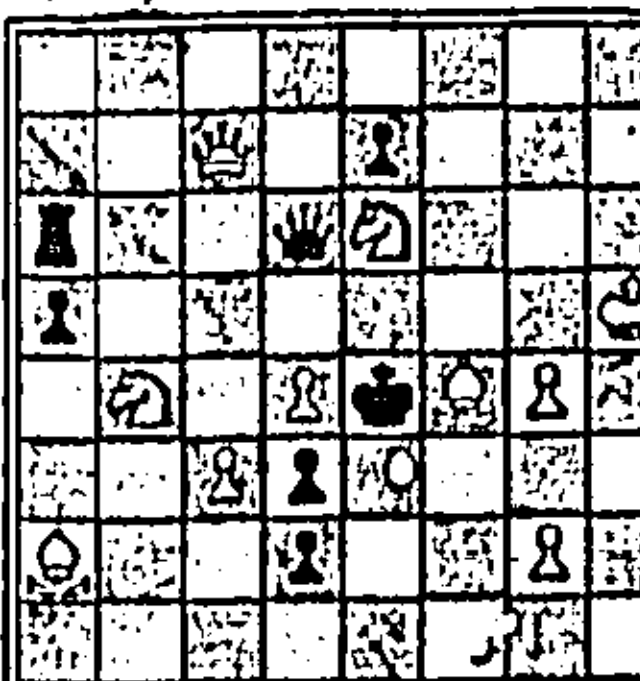
CROSSWORD



Across
1. Does no puzzle bar in rail 9 (5)
2. From above (5)
3. I'd be made to stay a while. (7)
4. Golden he is a crowd (4)
5. Command (5)
6. Sorry, nearly a girl. (6)
7. He never (7)
8. He never (7)
9. Out down. (4) 20. Colour. (5)
10. As the Chancellor said—here's your choice. (6)
Down
1. Make the confusion I see. (6)
2. Stirring up (6)
3. Heart and out of (6)
4. Can a drawn seen through? (6)
5. The harvester is likely to be the title of (6)
6. The title of (6)
7. Familiar border flower. (6)
8. A mass of (6)
9. Did (6)
10. What the chair may be. (6)
11. A mass of (6)
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CHESS PROBLEM

By F. FLECK
Black, 7, pieces.



White, 10 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Q-BP. 1... P-K3 (=Q);
2. K-B2 (ch); 1... K-K4;
3. Q-KK3 (ch); 1... K-K4;
4. Q-B2 (ch); 1... K-K4;
5. K-B2.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Contract Made With Careful Play

NORTH 10			
♠	K 10 5 3 2	♥	Q 6 3
♦	7 6 3 2	♣	7 6 3 2
WEST			
♠	8	♥	Q 5 4 2
♦	K J 10 9	♣	Q 7 5
♠	Q J 10 9	♥	K 8 4
SOUTH (D)			
♠	A Q J 7 4	♥	A 3
♦	A 3	♣	K J 9 2
♠	A	♥	A
East-West vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	2 ♥	Pass	Pass
Double	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—4 ♠			

By OSWALD JACOBY

I'LL discuss bidding according to the point-count method so that beginners and average players can learn how the experts bid. On the other days of the week I'll follow my usual practice of trying to mix entertainment with instruction.

Just in case you're not familiar with the point-count, here it is: count 4 points for each ace in your hand; 3 for each king; 2 for each queen; 1 for each jack.

There are 10 points in each suit, and 40 points in the entire deck. You and your partner usually need 26 points to make a game; 33 points for a small slam; 37 for a grand slam.

In today's hand South—opens the bidding properly with a bid of one spade. He has a count of 21 points, of which 10 points are in high cards. South counts 2 points for distribution, and it doesn't matter much whether he counts 1 point for each of his long suits or whether he counts 1 point for each of his doubletons. It adds up to the same total in the end.

North cannot quite afford to raise freely to two spades after West's overall. A free raise would show at least 8 points.

In this case North counts 3 points for the king of spades, 2 points for the queen, and 1 point for the fifth trump, and may even count 1 point extra for the king of the suit that has been bid by his partner. After he has counted everything in sight, North still can find only 7 points in his hand.

South repeats the bidding with a take out double, and North now makes a jump raise in spades to count his hand is not an entirely worthless. South does not even consider a slam, however, for he knows that North would have raised freely to two spades with 8 points. North cannot have more than 7 points, and may have slightly less than that.

The game contract is made by careful play. South refuses the first club trick, and West continues clubs to declarer's ace. South leads a low trump to dummy's ten, ruffs a third club, and covers dummy's with the king of spades to ruff out dummy's last club. Now South cashes the ace of hearts and ruffs a heart in dummy in order to lead a diamond.

West can win this diamond trick, but is then helpless to defeat the contract, if he continues diamonds. South wins a trick in that suit. If West leads a heart, instead, dummy discards a diamond while South ruffs. In either case, South loses only two diamond tricks and therefore makes his contract.

WARDENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
South West North East
1 Heart Pass 2 Hearts Pass

You, South, hold: Spades K-4-3, Hearts A-Q-8-2, Diamonds A-Q-7, Clubs A-Q. What do you do?

A—Bid three no-trump. You have a count of 21 points in high cards, and should expect your partner to contribute about 6 to 9 points. The total should easily be enough for game (26 points), and you are willing to play either at three no-trump or at four hearts.

North should pass three no-trump with balance, but should take you back to four hearts if he has a singleton.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Heart Pass ?

You, South, hold: Spades 8-4-3, Hearts K-9-7-4, Diamonds 9-6-2, Clubs 7-4-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

INTELLIGENCE TEST

Badger's daughters
By T. O. HARE

"YOUR children are all girls, aren't they?" said Rabbit to his friend Badger.
"How old is Jane—the eldest one?"
"She is 12," said Badger. "I must say that for a moment, I was surprised by the number of her children. I had thought you would get Jane's age in years, and I was disappointed to find that she was only 12."
"How old is Jane?"
"She is 12," said Badger. "I must say that for a moment, I was surprised by the number of her children. I had thought you would get Jane's age in years, and I was disappointed to find that she was only 12."
(Solution on Page 10)

WOMANSENSE

THE THINGS THEY DO by Robb

SULWEN MORGAN—the newest recruit to the B.B.C. repertory company—has chosen the white lace and chiffon dress on the left for her wedding on January 31. Her favourite party dress (in the blue sketch) is made of stiff black net in a crinoline style. Sulwen's old friend, who is fashion-conscious too, for evening wear he favours a satin-lined black cape over his evening suit.

MY guess is that this week is a fashion leap in "at home" outfits. These are velvet evening dresses, a New York dress idea for party, living and easy living. Note the bareback halter and tapered pants. This dress is completed by a gold mesh belt.

FASHION
designer Digby Morton has at last designed something for himself. These evening shoes—some in black, some in white—are made of black suede with a gold mesh belt. Quite right, an American idea.

THERE'S no need to cry when peeling the onions. Just put on these "Onion Ops" and your tear glands say the advertisement. They are kept nice and dry. Quite right, an American idea.

IT looks just like the Queen's tiara, but made in rhinestones, this replica retails at 20 guineas.

HERE is the first of the Coronation hair-styles. From a middle parting, the hair is swept on the forehead with fullness and side on eyebrow level. It is particularly suitable for wearing with a coronet or cap of state.

London Express Service

Spices Add Interest To Foods

By ALICE DENHOFF

FOR most of us, the meals we serve are like the clothes we own. That is, the average wardrobe is made up of everyday things, with but a comparatively few items of the party or gala type.

So it is with the daily meals. They are of the plain, everyday variety—the casseroles, the stews, the baked dishes—with special or grand meals reserved for holidays and state occasions.

What to do to give the everyday food a distinction? Why, use seasonings liberally to dress up the simple dish. It is grand to have at hand an array of spices, but the familiar varieties—pepper, chili powder—can render swell service.

Adds the Missing Touch
Pepper is conceded to be the most universally-liked and useful spice. As many chefs will tell you, "When in doubt, use pepper." If you pause, not knowing just what to add to soup or salad, after tasting, the chances are that a little more pepper, freshly ground, if possible, will supply just the missing touch. Any tossed salad, we have discovered, has more zip if a little ground pepper is put right into the salad bowl before tossing the greens.

Casseroles, dishes, can be dull and uninteresting if not properly seasoned. Here again pepper can come to the rescue. For instance, try this tomato casserole. It's a dish that belies its thrifty origin.

Heat 2 c. strained tomatoes (tinned or fresh). Then take 2 c. of bread broken into small pieces. Add ½ c. milk, tsp. salt, ½ tsp. pepper and ½ tsp. prepared mustard. Place in greased baking dish and add the strained tomatoes. Dot generously with butter, and bake in moderate oven for 20 minutes. Serves 5-6.

A hearty cream of vegetable soup makes a good meal starter when the main dish is on the light side.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Walk Down Posie Boulevard

—Everybody Goes Strolling There on a Nice Day—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, and Glive the Snail met each other at the edge of the field where the daisies and black-eyed Susans grew. It was a lovely afternoon.

"Good afternoon, Knarf!" said Glive.

"Oh, good afternoon, Glive!" said Knarf. "Where are you going?"

"Well," said Glive, "I'm going for a little walk down Posie Boulevard. It's such a beautiful afternoon that I'm sure everyone will be out."

"Everyone?" said Knarf, puzzled.

"Yes, everyone who lives in the neighbourhood. They'll all be strolling up and down Posie Boulevard. Come along with me and you'll see."

So Knarf, who had never heard of Posie Boulevard and

with him, wondering what he would see.

Well-Trodden Path

And there they were an instant later on Posie Boulevard! Now you mustn't imagine that Posie Boulevard was like a regular street in a city or town. It wasn't. It was more like a well-trodden path, winding across the field. But it wasn't even as wide as a path. It was a path made by bugs and insects, not much wider than a ribbon. The blades of grass and the daisies and black-eyed Susans rose up like slender trees along Posie Boulevard, and met overhead and shaded it.

"Yes, my boy," Glive was saying, "everyone will be strolling today. Ah, here comes my old friend and neighbour Daddy-Longlegs! Good afternoon, Daddy-Longlegs!"

Well, see you both again! A little farther along Posie Boulevard Knarf and Glive met other friends and neighbours. They met Mr. and Mrs. Beetle and the Beetle children. They met Mr. and Mrs. Cricket, and Grandfather and Grandmother Cricket.

They met Mr. Grasshopper and Mr. Locust. They met Willy Toad and three other toads, all dressed in striped pants and blazers. They passed stores in hollow stems, and houses made of twigs and pebbles.

They saw a parade of ants, all dressed in blue-black uniforms. They met the May-fly girls, and the Potato-bug boys going to a football game between the caterpillars and the glow-worms.

But they didn't meet any people at all.

"People don't walk on Posie Boulevard," Glive the Snail said. "It's too small for them to walk on. They walk right over it."

"I'm glad of that," Knarf said, for he couldn't help thinking what trouble it would cause if a big pair of feet walked on Posie Boulevard.



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Unique Formula Of Eye Make-Up

Eye shadows, of which many women seem to be wary, are gaining headway and having the popularity. You have to be a cosmetic stickler to wear them. They call for a strong light, good mirror, steady hand and restraint. If you decide to go in for them, make up your mind to cut out rouge. Too much colouring may produce a lithographic effect and the slogan now is "near-naturalness."

A beauty specialist who is constantly offering new ideas claims that she has developed an eyelid treatment that will turn almost any blonde, brunette or redhead into a glamour girl.

This is her unique formula; we offer it for what it may be worth to you. She employs a fern green shadow on the lid close to the lashes, applying lightly and carefully. Just below the eyebrow, where the flesh sinks inward under the edge of the eye socket, she applies a streak of rich purple. Green and purple are delicately blended and a finely-pointed crayon is used to outline the lashes. She claims that the effect is charming and mysterious.

Former German Star Is American Housewife

Oranah, Nob, Josy Rittershausen is now a housewife. She is Mrs. Donald Whaley.

A former German opera star, Josy Rittershausen is now a housewife. She is Mrs. Donald Whaley.

Mrs. Whaley commanded \$300 a concert in war-time Germany and sang with the Berlin State Opera until 1945.

The young coloratura soprano lost everything, however, when the Russians came. She fled with her mother to Munich where she gave piano lessons to American airmen, their children and wives in order to support herself.

In 1948, Master Sergeant Donald Whaley signed up for lessons. Business turned into romance and they were married in 1951.

She still gives music lessons and sings as an amateur, but concentrates mostly on being a housewife.—United Press

The Rupert Annual is still available

Rupert and the Diamond Leaf—43

Before finishing his story the guard picks up his pipe, and marches Rupert away to another part of the palace, where there is a great iron cage shut and padlocked. Inside it stands a large, gloomy bird. "There," says the guard, "That is the carrier bird who has caused all the trouble. On returning from a journey he found he had dropped two of our precious berries. If they fell on and the seeds on them would grow into bushes and we should lose our wonderful secret, so he is in disgrace, until we have found them."

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Progress Expected In Talks On Jap Reparations

Tokyo, Feb. 3.

Japanese Government sources believe that Japanese-Philippines negotiations will see the first sign of real progress with the expected conclusion in Manila later this month of an agreement covering Japanese salvage of vessels sunk in Manila Bay during World War II. This is according to Press reports here today.

Preliminary reparations talks are expected to begin in Tokyo during the latter half of this month.

According to the Press reports the Japanese Government holds to the view that the pact on salvage eventually will be part of the overall Japanese reparations payments to the Philippines Government.

For this reason the Government expects this pact to be in the form of an "interim" reparations treaty proposal.

The team of Japanese salvage experts say that they have practically completed survey work of 44 vessels sunk in Manila Bay.

Reports today said that the main points of the expected salvage agreement would be as follows:

1.—Vessels sunk in Manila Bay would be given priority in salvage operations.

2.—Japanese "services" would cover obligations from the time each individual ship is refloated and until that vessel is turned over to the Philippines Government.

3.—"Services" would include refloating, dismantling, dynamiting—in cases of vessels whose refloating or dismantling is impossible or which would be hazardous to surface vessels—and abandoning of vessels that cannot be refloated or dismantled but whose presence is harmless.

Meanwhile, Mr. Eiji Wajima, Japanese Foreign Office Asian Bureau chief, is expected to return here tonight from a tour of South-East Asian nations where he sounded out official quarters on reparations and other problems concerning Japanese-South East Asian relations.

It is expected that Government quarters here in charge

They Store Up Heat

London, Feb. 3.

A British company has designed a new form of space heater designed to offset the shortage of electric power generating plant.

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Permission Refused

Berlin, Feb. 3.

East German authorities have refused passes to three leading Protestants in East Germany who were to attend a meeting of the all-German Protestant Church at Munich next week. Church officials said today.—Reuter.

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	sails 12th Feb.	for Japan

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	sails 24th Feb.	for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Kuwait, Khormashahr, Haifa & P. Gulf Ports via Bombay

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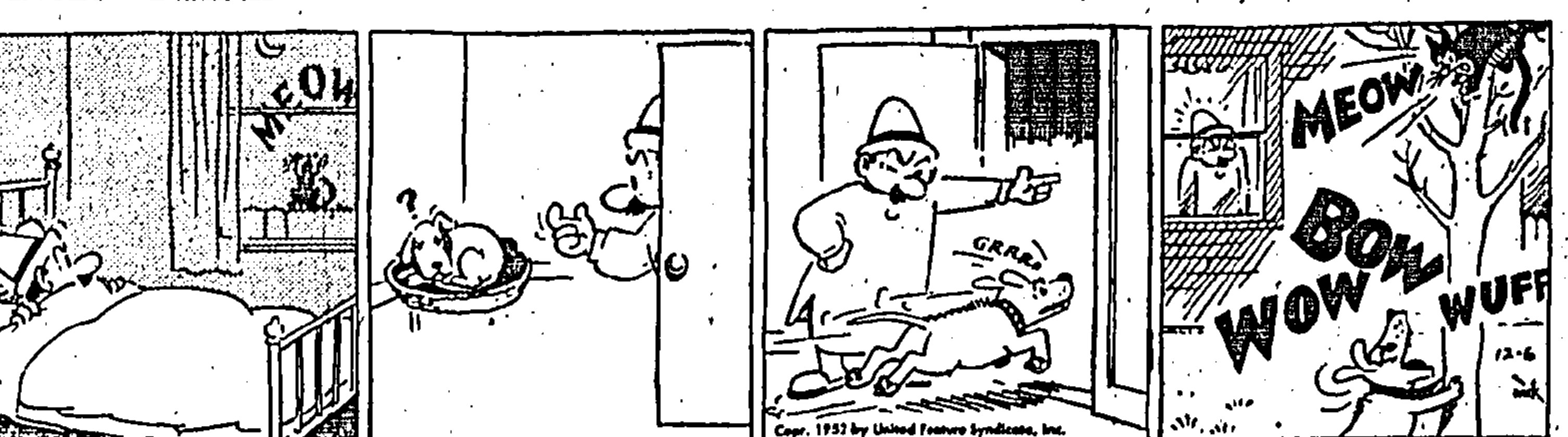
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COLOGNE'S GIFT TO HIROSHIMA

Bonn, Feb. 3.

The organ which the city of Cologne will donate to the World Peace Church in Hiroshima has been completed.

It was shown to pressmen today by its builder, organ-master Hermann Kials, in Bonn.

Next Sunday, during a special ceremony, it will be handed over to Father Arthur Lutherbeck in the presence of the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Kohel Teraoka.

The organ, built in five months, has three manuals and 1,800 pipes. It cost 37,000 marks (about £3,100). The money was donated by the city of Cologne, after one of its citizens, Dr. Paul Kellervessel, had suggested that Cologne should also contribute something to the World Peace Church.

Dr. Kellervessel in 1920 gave his harmonium to the small Catholic church of Hiroshima. The atom bomb that struck Hiroshima destroyed it.

A brass shield affixed to the new organ says in German, Japanese and Latin: "Cologne and Hiroshima, united to each other by similar sufferings, work and pray for peace on earth."

The organ will be shipped to Japan aboard a Japanese ship from Hamburg next month.—Reuter.

POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT

Washington, Feb. 3.

The House of Representatives today voted President Eisenhower broad powers to reorganise Government agencies in the interest of economy and efficiency.

The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill continuing for two years, to April 1, 1955, Government reorganization powers first given to President Truman in 1949.—Reuter.

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The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Feb. 3.
Prices of rubber futures closed as follows:

Number 1 rubber, per lb. 78 1/2-79 1/2
March 78 1/2-79 1/2
April 78 1/2-79 1/2
May 78 1/2-79 1/2
June 78 1/2-79 1/2
July 78 1/2-79 1/2
August 78 1/2-79 1/2
September 78 1/2-79 1/2
October 78 1/2-79 1/2
November 78 1/2-79 1/2
December 78 1/2-79 1/2

London, Feb. 3.
The rubber market was steady today. Prices closed as follows:

Number 1 rubber, 22 1/2-23 1/4
In pence per lb. 22 1/2-23 1/4
March 22 1/2-23 1/4
April 22 1/2-23 1/4
May 22 1/2-23 1/4
June 22 1/2-23 1/4
July 22 1/2-23 1/4
August 22 1/2-23 1/4
September 22 1/2-23 1/4
October 22 1/2-23 1/4
November 22 1/2-23 1/4
December 22 1/2-23 1/4

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Feb. 3.
Prices of tin were firmer this morning. Turnover was 100 tons, none for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin, buyers 910
Spot tin, sellers 910
Business done at 910
Three-month tin, buyers 950
Three-month tin, sellers 950
Business done at 950-948
Settlement 911
United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:
U.S. dollar (per \$1) 6.07 1/2
Sterling note (per £1) 10.75
Indonesian dollar (per 100) 22.75
Siam dollar (per 100) 34.50
Singapore (dollar) 10.10
FIC (dollar) 11.82 1/2

Trade Pact Expires

Havana, Feb. 3.
Cuba has cancelled the special tariff privileges extended to West Germany due to the expiry of the trade agreement between the two countries signed in September 1951.—Reuter.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$510,271.30. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

FINANCIAL BUYERS SELLERS SALES

HSBC Bank 1420 1435 10 @ 1425
East Asia 145
Insurance 145
Union 70 1/2 70 1/2
Sinopec 5.30
Ain Nav 1.55 5000 @ 1.50
DOCKERS, ETC. 90 200 @ 90
K. W. 0.70
Docks 20.20
Provident 12.70 12.20
Shai Dock 2.05 2.15 1000 @ 2.15
Wheelock 7.70 7.75 1400 @ 7.74
Hongkong 2.05 2.15 1000 @ 2.10
4000 @ 2.10

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HSBC Hotel 7 1/2 7.50 5000 @ 7.50
HSBC Land (C) 50 50
HSBC Land (N) 50 50
Land Land 1000 @ 1.75
UTILITIES
Tram 22.10 22.40 400 @ 22.10
Star Ferry 11 1/2 11 1/2
C. Light (C) 9.15 9.20 5000 @ 9.20
Electric (N) 4000 @ 9.10
Provident 23.00 23.00 300 @ 23.00
Electric 2800 @ 22.70
HSBC 500 @ 22.00
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